

Notification by the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

GENERAL.

NOTIFICATION.

No. 4.

The 11th April 1874.

The following letter with its annexures, received from the Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, is published for information and guidance of the officers concerned.

"By Order,"

J. S. F. MACKENZIE,
Offg. Secretary.

From T. J. Chichele Plowden, Esq., Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, To the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Home Department, Public, No. 28—1052, dated Fort William, the 6th April 1874.

As much delay and inconvenience have recently been entailed by the non-submission of the prescribed tabular statement with proposals for increase to existing establishments, I am desired by His Excellency the Governor General in Council to circulate the orders bearing on the subject, and to express the hope that they will be carefully observed in future.

Financial Resolution No. 1778, dated 8th December 1843, and enclosure.

Financial Resolution No. 588, dated 26th April 1859, and enclosure.

Financial Resolution No. 720, dated 29th May 1871.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council in the Financial Department,—No. 1778, under date the 8th December 1843.

READ the following minute by the Right Honorable the Governor General, dated the 8th ultimo, on the subject of the mode of bringing before the Government of India all fresh expenditure requiring its sanction proposed or incurred by the Governments of the subordinate Presidencies:

Minute by the Governor General, dated the 8th November 1843.

We are constantly in the habit of receiving applications from individual officers and Boards and Governments for augmentations of salaries and allowances, for the increase of establishments, for the creation of new offices to be held by covenanted servants and for many other new things, all represented as necessary or very expedient, and many of them perhaps being so, but all involving an increase of public charge.

In each particular case the charge may be small; and, because it is so, it is frequently sanctioned, that new charge alone being at the time taken into view; but together these many small charges form an aggregate charge of great extent, which continually increasing must very seriously affect the result of the financial administration. It is rare indeed that reductions of charge are proposed to us. When we direct a careful revision of establishment and of all charges with a view to reduction, the report is almost uniformly the same that no reduction or a very insignificant reduction can be safely effected.

Thus the diminution of charge, unless when directly made by ourselves, being very small, and the increase of charge continual, the ultimate result, were this course persisted in, must necessarily be very serious financial embarrassment, notwithstanding the present prosperity of the revenue.

The defect in the existing system is that these small new charges are brought before us one by one, and each being small in itself their aggregate amount is not adverted to. Again, they come before us frequently as charges already sanctioned subject to our confirmation, and there is always a disposition not to disturb that which is already done.

Further, we have not brought before us from time to time at one view the result of what we have been doing and of what others have been doing; we see all bit by bit, and have no general knowledge.

In order to apply the necessary reform to this system, which is certainly in practice productive of much public injury, it seems expedient to place a restraint, first upon those by whom new charges are now incurred subject to our confirmation or sanction, and secondly upon ourselves. It seems desirable to prohibit the incurring of any new charge, except in a case of emergency, without our previous sanction; and instead of having the new charges proposed brought before us for decision every week to have every new charge, together with the grounds on which it may be proposed, submitted in the first instance to the Financial Secretary, who should at the end of every month, or of every two or three months, present a tabular statement of all the new charges proposed classed under the heads of the several Departments

and Governments with a column for the reasons supporting each proposition, and another for remarks thereon by the Secretary. An abstract of the increase and diminution of charge in each of the preceding periods from the commencement of each year should be attached, and also a general abstract of such increase and diminution in the preceding year.

To these it would always be right to append the account of the two preceding years and the estimate of the current year of all receipts and charges.

Thus in deciding upon all propositions for adding to the public charge we should have before us the whole state of our finances, and see how far, that being considered, we were at liberty to make the proposed increase even where there might be some apparent benefit to be derived from the measure proposed.

RESOLUTION.—Fully concurring in the above views, the President in Council resolves that measures be immediately taken for concentrating in the Financial Department for periodical submission to the Council of India the whole of the applications from whatever Government or of whatever Department for increase or alteration of salaries or establishments or for fresh expenditure of every description requiring the sanction of the Government of India.

The Resolution of the Government of India, dated 12th January 1842, by which it was rendered incumbent on the Local Governments to submit regularly for sanction or confirmation a monthly statement of proposed additions to establishments is hereby so far superseded that the Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces, Madras and Bombay will be instructed to refrain altogether from authorizing any fresh expenditure whatever having reference to salaries, gratuities or allowance, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India, excepting only in cases of the utmost emergency which are forthwith to be specially reported; and in order to secure uniformity of practice, and thereby to simplify detail which Government will be required to forward its application in every Department to the Secretary to the Government of India of the Department concerned monthly on the 1st of each month, drawn out in or accompanied by the same form (Form A hereunto annexed), it shall be incumbent on the Secretary to the Government of India, on the receipt of these applications, to record on the form accompanying them any observations his experience may suggest, and, without placing them before the Council of India, to forward them forthwith, accompanied by such documents on record in his office as may serve to elucidate the questions they comprise, to the Financial Department whence, when the applications from the whole of India shall be collected together, they shall be submitted in a condensed shape for the final orders of the Council of India.

These orders will be communicated immediately to the Department concerned by the return to it of the forms in which they will be entered for re-transmission to the Government whence the applications originated.

It will be the duty of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department in placing the applications before the Council of India to accompany any remarks he may desire to offer thereon, with an abstract statement of the financial position of the Department of the Government concerned for the previous three years, and a memorandum of the actual increase or decrease of charge sanctioned in the same Department during the course of the current and the preceding year.

The course of proceeding prescribed in regard to application from the subordinate Governments is equally applicable to the several Departments of the Government of India in cases of increase or alteration of charge occurring in respect to salaries or establishments under their immediate control; each Department will be pleased to forward its proposition for increase, decrease or alteration of charge in the same Form A to the Financial Department for submission to the Council of India.

The President in Council desires it to be understood that the system now laid down is to be observed in regard to all fresh expenditure or alteration of expenditure, whether permanent or temporary, having reference to salaries, gratuities and allowances,—all expenditure in short of whatever presidency or branch of the public service requiring the sanction of the Government of India.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the Minute of the Governor General and of this Resolution be transmitted to the several subordinate Governments and to the Departments noted in the margin, with a view to its being carried into effect from the 1st proximo in respect to all expenditure requiring the sanction of the Government of India.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council in the Financial Department,—No. 588, under date Fort William, the 26th April 1850.

READ—

A letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, No. 77, dated the 22nd ultimo, suggesting an alteration as per margin in the Form of the Statement prescribed by the Resolution of the Government of India in this Department, dated the 8th December 1843, so as to contrast existing with proposed scales of charge.

As per present Form.			
Nature of Charge.			
			Rs. As. P.
As per Form proposed.			
Nature of Charge.			
Present scale.		Proposed scale.	
	Rs. As. P.		Rs. As. P.

RESOLUTION.—The President in Council sees no objection to the alteration proposed, especially as it is calculated to secure the exhibition of fuller information relative to modifications of establishments submitted for sanction than is afforded by the existing Form. He is accordingly pleased to sanction the adoption of the accompanying modified Form of Statement in lieu of that now in use.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution, together with the revised Form, be forwarded to the Departments noted in the margin, and a copy of the revised Form sent to the Governments of Agra, Madras and Bombay for their information and guidance.

Foreign.
Home.
Military.

Ordered also, that a copy of the revised Form be sent to the Government of Bengal in reply to the letter from that Government.

*Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department,—No. 720,
under date Simla, the 29th May 1871.*

READ again—

Financial Resolution of the 26th April 1850, in which a Form of Tabular Statement was prescribed for exhibiting increases or decreases of charge on account of establishments under three Leads, *vis.*, "Permanent," "Temporary," and "Casual or Extraordinary."

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that in future the column "Casual or Extraordinary" be omitted in Tabular Statements accompanying applications for increases of establishments, &c.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the several Departments of the Government of India, to Local Governments, and to officers under the control of the Financial Department.

Nos. 2834-45, dated Simla, the 10th June 1871.—Endorsed by the Home Department.

COPY forwarded to the Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burma and Coorg; the Resident at Hyderabad; Surveyor General; Superintendent, Great Trigonometrical Survey; Superintendent, Geological Survey; Superintendent of Port Blair; Director General of Archaeological Survey; Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, and the Venerable the Archdeacon of Calcutta, for information and guidance.

Notifications by the Government of India.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

ESTABLISHMENT.

Fort William, the 24th April 1874.

No 202.—Surgeon Major W. J. Busteed, 26th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry, is appointed to the medical charge of the Civil Dispensary, Jail, and Civil Station at Mercara, in Coorg, in addition to his Regimental duties, *vice* Surgeon L. Beach, relieved.

A. C. LYALL,
Secretary to the Govt. of India

No. 203.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg with reference to his letter No. 791—52, dated the 6th ultimo.

T. PLOWDEN,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTIFICATION.

SURVEYS.

Calcutta, dated 20th February 1874.

No 112.—Mr. J. P. Barker, Assistant Superintendent, Mysore Revenue Survey, is promoted from the 3rd to 2nd grade, with effect from the 1st December 1873.

A. O. HUME,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.